does not commence from the backwaters and also that the road is not bridged? The Padanayarkulangara-Sastankotta road is not bridged.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is giving information.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government aware that the road is not bridged?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Supplementary questions are intended for eliciting further information arising from the answer to the main question.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I wish to know whether there is a road from the Padanayarkulangara-Sastankotta road to the backwaters?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That has to be ascertained.

Road connecting the Rajakkamangalam and Dharmapuram Roads.

144. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that several petitions have been presented from the year 1093 onwards by Mr. S. Sri Krishna Perumal Nadar and others of Keelaramanputur and the surrounding villages to the Executive Engineer and the Chief Engineer for converting into a road the *poramboke* lane leading from the 1st milestone of the Rajakkamangalam road to meet the 2nd mile of the Dharmapuram road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken to remove the difficulties experienced by the petitioners?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer reports that he has received petitions in Vrischikam and Karkatakam 1102.

(*b*) On a report received from the Chief Engineer about the opening of a system of new roads in the locality, the Government ordered, in May 1929, that the matter might be left to be taken up by the Road Boards to be formed.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, will the Government be pleased to state when the Road Board will be formed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The draft Rules on the subject are under the consideration of the Government.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): May I know whether the people should wait for a long time to see the Rules in operation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government expect to issue the Rules soon.

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